

Auction Results

HOYES LIMOUSIN PRODUCTION
North Platte, Neb., May 26

6 purebred pair	\$1,151
24 1/2 pair	1,048
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16 comm. pair	650
17 South Devon pair	610
3 bred South Devon	582
4 bred 1/2	574
8 bred 1/2	554
100 lots	807

Auctioneer: C.K. "Sonny" Booth
Sale Manager: Cattle Brokers, Inc.
Sale Consultant: American Cattle Service

Tops: 04K, 11/26/78 by MH Ennors, and her 4/2/81 heifer calf by Gibraltar, Black Jack Cattle Co., Chantanooga, Okla., \$1750, 53K, 1/3/78 by Gibraltar, England and England, North Platte, \$1450, OXBO 03H, 4/10/78 by Eclair, Black Jack Cattle Co., \$1350, OXBO 13H, 4/13/78 by Eclair, Charlie Hunt, Oxford, \$1300, OXBO 05H, 5/18/76 by Eclair, and her 3/30/81 heifer calf, Odell Lowe, Post, Texas, \$1275, South Devon X Angus cow, and her 3/29/81 1/2-blood bull calf by Gibraltar, Richard Chiquen, Franklin, \$1235, OXBO 29H, 4/16/78 by Eclair, Odell Lowe, \$1225, OXBO 20H, 5/11/76 by Eclair, Odell Lowe, \$1225.

A beautiful day and a good crowd made for a good sale for Hoyes. The market was steady all day. Many buyers took volumes of cattle.

SPURLOCK-McELROY BEEFMASTERS
Phoenix, Ariz., June 4

130 females \$1,767

Auctioneer: Gerald Bewie
Sale Manager: Thompson Cattle Marketing

Tops: 1079 red and white point cow; Earl McElroy, Toyah, Texas, \$5,100, 1978 red cow; McElroy to Ketchersid, \$4000, 1978 red cow; Spurlock Beefmasters, Inc. to Ketchersid, \$3800, 1978 brown cow with 1981

Feed meal duty by EEC unlikely
West German grain and feed meal dealers said the European Economic Community is unlikely to impose a duty to discourage EEC imports of U.S. protein feed meal, reports UCN.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block had made it clear during his European

tour the U.S. "would retaliate if corn gluten exports were restricted, the dealers said.

U.S.-origin corn gluten exports to the EEC total 3 million tons a year and are increasing despite EEC grain surpluses, they said.

—LEE PITTS

SWISHER LIMOUSIN
OBERPALL
Kadoka, S.D., May 27

4 bulls	\$3,238
16 purebred pairs	1,320
4 purebred bred	881
11 purebred open	630
53 1/2 pair	1,194
11 bred 1/2	716
5 open 1/2	650
52 1/2 pair	628
4 open 1/2	585
160 lots	1,059

Auctioneer: C.K. "Sonny" Booth and Bruce Brooks
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Bulls: 6SLR Mr. Carnival 77M, 5/5/80 by Pure Carnival 37J; James Weiss, Manor, Texas, \$8500, LKCG Mississippi 18H, 4/23/78 by Espir, De Carnival; Robert Tilton, Mid-

land, \$2100
Females: 6SLR Miss Dandin 44J, 3/14/77 by Dandin-C, and her 3/2/81 heifer calf by Black Mercedes; Arnie Hanson \$1850, CRZR 51F, 4/5/74 by Dandy, and her 3/18/81 bull calf by Black Mercedes; Martin Maude, Har-

mos, \$1775, 6SLR Miss Dandin 53G, 4/13/75 by Dandin-C, and her 3/12/81 bull calf by King of Spades; Bill Jefferies, Sturgis, \$1700, 6SLR Miss Dandin 41F, 2/12/74 by Dandin-C and her 3/15/81 heifer calf by Black Mercedes; Pollara Limousin, Redwood Falls, Minn., \$1625

A large crowd was on hand for the dispersal of the last Swisher herd. Most of the cows had big growthy calves at foot, but the cows were thin, showing the dry weather this area is experiencing. The cattle sold in eight states with many buyers putting together loads.

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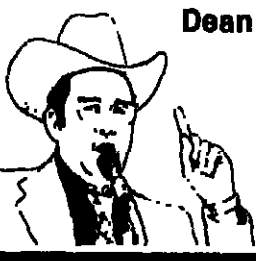
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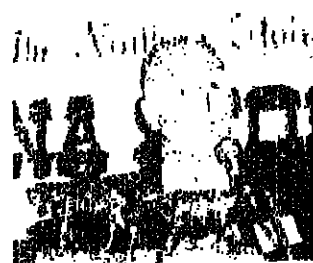
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QUESTION—Second Vice President Jimmie L. Wilson, Trout Creek, Mont., fielded a question from a Montana Stockgrower Assn. member during the opening session of the association's annual meeting in Billings, Mont. The bronze in the foreground was a prize awarded at the closing session. (Staff photo by Martha Williams)

Kansas to enter Chinese market

The Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) and China's Henan Province have signed an international protocol agreement that is expected to enhance trade between the parties, John Junior Armstrong, KFB president, said recently.

Reports CNS, Armstrong, in a series of statewide news conferences, said the agreement will help facilitate sales of breeding stock, hybrid wheat seed, pesticides and agricultural research equipment.

The Chinese are interested in buying a total of 100 head of Charolais, Shimmer and Holstein breeding bulls for livestock and dairy farms, Armstrong said. They also will purchase 200 head of swine for breeding purposes. There was no definite time period in which the purchases will take place, he said.

In addition, China would also like to purchase 100 tons of pesticide, some high protein wheat hybrids, grass seed and technological agricultural research equipment, Armstrong said. He said the Chinese requested equipment to test protein in wheat and to determine soil moisture.

A 10-member KFB trade team recently returned from China after spending 17 days in Henan negotiating with officials and surveying agricultural needs. The group also visited Peking where Chinese officials told them China's current year grain import needs were 12 to 14 million tons, 55% of which will be U.S. grain, Armstrong said.

USDA calls for prevention efforts

USDA will encourage all segments of the meat and poultry industry to implement residue avoidance programs to prevent incidences of chemical contamination of meat and poultry products, a USDA official said recently.

Reports CNS, in the past, USDA has operated a residue monitoring program to keep residue-containing meat from reaching consumers, according to Ronald Engel, deputy administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Quality Service. However, industry vigilance could protect meat and poultry producers from residue-related losses of more than \$1 million annually, he said.



Comments

We've just returned from Minneapolis after attending the Livestock Marketing Congress. The Congress is sponsored by the Livestock Merchandising Institute which in turn is sponsored by the Livestock Marketing Assn. of Kansas City. Sounds complicated but it isn't. This is a meeting dedicated to the merchandising of livestock, all livestock, across the United States and Canada.

Marketmen share no illusions about the livestock business with urban cowboys or anyone else. They're called upon to merchandise livestock, sometimes under the most difficult circumstances—such as the industry is experiencing today!

Take the auction market operator, for instance. No hour of the day is his own. Customers call at all hours. He has to sell cattle to pay his bills and then answer the phone at 11 o'clock at night to be questioned.

Last fall on the Sagebrush tour through Oregon, Nevada and Idaho, a number of people asked us, "Where are the cow buyers?" Like many feedlot operators, cattlemen and others in the industry, those cow buyers lost their shirts. We learned at the Congress that there is only one full time order buyer left in the state of Washington.

The theme of this year's Market Congress was "Competing for the Protein Dollar." Perfect and timely. We heard from representatives of the poultry business, the American Soybean Assn., National Fisheries Institute and Ralph Nader.

Nader's speech hasn't changed a bit, except he said he hated to see Carol Foreman leave the Department of Agriculture. Also, when questioned by Jo Ann Smith, chairman of the beef promotions committee of NCA, "Are you a vegetarian?" he answered no. It was one of the most direct replies anyone has ever received from this pioneer of consumer advocacy.

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It was made clear at the Livestock Marketing Congress that our competitors would love to share the beef plate with us: steak and lobster, McDonald nuggets of chicken and hamburger, soybean extenders combined with a variety of beef products. Down the road, will processors take over producers as they have in the poultry business? Or will producers take over processors as in the dairy business? One thing is certain, there is a need for increased productivity all along the beef chain.

DICK CROW

Cattle-on-feed: Report analysts say prices to be stable

No cash cattle price reaction is expected to result from the recent seven-state cattle-on-feed report, according to analysts contacted by CNS.

Although the report was interpreted as neutral to bullish in the futures trade, cash analysts terms the report "ho-hum," and said cash cattle prices would continue trading in the present range for the next 30 days.

The USDA report for the seven major cattle-feeding states showed marketings during May up 1%, placements during May even and total on feed numbers as of June 1 up 3% from year-earlier figures.

Tom Tippens, an analyst with Pro-Cattle Consultants, termed the report "basically neutral," with marketings slightly friendly. Tippens predicted the present strength in the cash

cattle markets would continue and choice steer prices would remain in the low \$70 per cwt. area, basis Texas, for the next 30 days.

Farmers Grain and Livestock analysts Dick Hummel said the report contained two negative aspects: total on-feed numbers were above a year earlier for the second consecutive month and placements were 219,000 head more than marketings. However, he said the report's figures should not change cattle feeders' marketing or placement strategies. Feeders will continue to place cattle as hedging opportunities arise, Hummel said, and slaughter cattle prices should remain in the present range in coming weeks.

The report indicates that cattle feeders have been marketing cattle well, said (Continued on page 7)

Nader cites big buyers as beef industry culprit

There are too few big buyers and a captive group of sellers in the beef industry, according to consumer rights activist Ralph Nader.

The dominance of Iowa Beef Processors, Inc., and MBPXL Corp. in the beef packing industry has reduced competition and is hurting the consumer and the cattle industry, Nader told the Livestock Marketing Congress in Minneapolis. IBP and MBPXL are the nation's largest and second largest beef packers, respectively, reports CNS.

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And, Nader predicted, IBP probably will become integrated as soon as it can. When IBP expands into the pork packing business, concentration will become a problem in that industry also, he said.

The agreed-on purchase of IBP by Occidental Petroleum will not increase competition in the meat packing industry, Nader said, and will give IBP a more commanding position. Representative Neal Smith (D-Iowa) attempted to instigate a federal investigation into the concentration in the meat industry, Nader said, but no one at the federal level was interested in pursuing it. State governments are not willing to do anything either, he said.

Although government is expected to be inactive in these areas, Nader said, activity on the part of shareholders in these companies will increase. (Continued on page 7)

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BULLISH TO NEUTRAL—The number of cattle and calves on feed in the seven major producing states on June 1 totaled 7.05 million head, up 3% from last year's figure. Fed cattle marketings during May were up only 1% and 1.62 million head were placed on feed in May—virtually the same number as a year earlier. Analysts contacted by CNS termed the report neutral to slightly bullish. They predict cash cattle prices will remain strong, at least through August. (Staff photo by Martha Williams)

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Water reclamation legislation to favor family-farm, market

The question of whether large-scale farming operations in western states should be eligible for federally subsidized irrigation water is expected to resurface soon when the Reagan administration unveils its proposed reclamation water legislation, reports CNS.

In a recent press interview, Interior Secretary James Watt said the administration will propose legislation that would address the issue of limiting the size of farms that can receive federal water at low cost. Watt said the Reagan administration would devise a plan that would support the family-farm concept while introducing more realistic market forces in the pricing and delivery

of irrigation water. According to the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation, about 9.6 million acres of agricultural land in 17 western states receive subsidized irrigation water from government reclamation projects. That water supports a substantial number of the West's farmers and ranchers, producers of crops such as cotton, grain and livestock.

Current law puts a 160-acre cap on the amount of land receiving federal subsidized water that can be owned or leased by an (Continued on page 7)

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Korean aid ends after 26 years

The USDA said recently Korea has ended its last PL480 agreement with the U.S. and will now buy U.S. agricultural products only on commercial terms.

Reporters CNS, USDA said Korea has received more than \$2 billion in PL480 Title I and II assistance during the past 26 years.

USDA said the final PL480 loan for the purchase of \$27 million worth of U.S. wheat, was signed in Seoul May 18.

USDA General Sales Manager Alan Tracy said Korea is a prime example of market development benefit to the U.S. from the PL480 program.

During 1956-81, the U.S. gave Korea \$1.66 billion in concessional credit under the Title I program and \$405 million in food grants. Korea has developed into the seventh-largest market in the world for U.S. agricultural products, growing from \$42.8 million in 1955 to \$1.6 billion in fiscal year 1980, USDA said.

Korea was the largest U.S. export market for rice in fiscal 1980, with purchases of nearly \$220 million. Its cotton purchases of \$474 million and hide purchases of \$88 million put it in third and fourth place, respectively, as an export market for these U.S. commodities.

Other major U.S. exports to Korea in fiscal 1980 included \$287 million in wheat and wheat products, \$271 million in feed grains, \$121 million in soybeans.

Japan tightening beef label laws

The Government of Japan has asked the U.S. to tighten its regulations on carry-on beef packages, according to the Gerald Martens, technical services director of the U.S. Meat Export Federation.

The carry-on steak packs, which are growing in popularity among Japanese business travelers and tourists, are purchased in duty-free stores outside Japan. During 1980, some 189 metric tons of U.S. beefsteak entered Japan in these carry-on packs.

However, Martens says, of the 3,270 carry-on beef packages presented to Japanese customs officials for approval, 1,903 were rejected due to incomplete

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(Continued from page 1) will probably become more emotional and will involve Congress." In regard to food safety, McMillan said that "laws have to be modernized, but not to create a climate for unwholesome products." Residue determination ability is the key, he said.

Sam Washburn, NCA president elect, outlined the areas NCA will emphasize in the upcoming year, stressing response to the animal rights movement, attention to the brucellosis problem, beef promotion via the voluntary efforts of the recent forum and the resultant steering committee. He promised NCA's attention to government's role in diet/health advice, efforts to increase beef exports, and continued pressure for tax relief.

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OFFICER—Newly elected Nebraska Stock Growers officers, seated, left, are C.E. "Eddie" Nichols, president, Paul Hoefs, president-elect; Executive Vice President Roy W. Lilley (standing left); and Charles P. Schroeder, vice president.

Gelbvieh fans host Wyoming field day

Junior and adult judges joined the American Gelbvieh Assn. members during the recent Wyoming Gelbvieh Assn. field day, hosted by Fred and Lee Kummerfeld, 101 Ranch, Moorcroft, Wyo.

The group attending enjoyed the well organized event on a cool, breezy day. The field day, held in conjunction with the University of Wyoming Extension Service, was a district 4-H judging contest. FFA judging classes were also conducted.

Following the morning judging and a barbecue lunch, the winners were announced. In the 4-H junior division, Mollega Kessler, Casper was first, followed by Barb Klobardanz, Sterling, Colo., and Tom Thompson, Casper, Wyo.

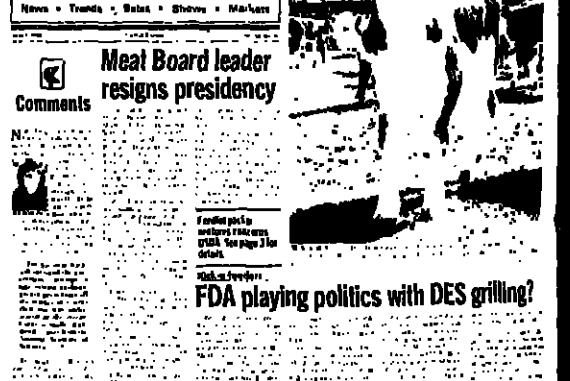
Brenda Klobardanz, Sterling, Colo., won the top honors in the 4-H senior division with Tammy Blumer, Moorcroft, Wyo., taking second and Mike Rogers, Casper, winning third.

participation in brucellosis vaccination and calf preconditioning programs; support of a legislated check-off program for promotion; revision of real property taxes; support for improved ground water management; support of the two remaining water reclamation projects in Nebraska; and opposition to use of the proposed coal slurry pipeline.

Alice Rogers of Management Horizons, an Ohio firm working with the Beef Industry Foundation, outlined the changes in American consumers and how they relate to beef sales, pointing out the old target market of a housewife with two children whose husband earns \$20,000 or more a year, now represents only 4% of the market. "And if you're saying 'she' when defining the shopper, you may be missing half your market," Rogers said.

She suggested the beef industry should emphasize convenience and flexibility to the "time stressed" consumer, as well as taste appeal and nutritional value. Rogers feels the industry must consider packaging, and use advertising to inform and create credibility.

OVERVIEW — National Cattlemen's Assn. President-Elect Sam Washburn tells Nebraska Stock Growers at their recent annual convention that NCA would welcome their affiliate membership and participation in NCA concerns which include: risk labelling of pesticides, government influence in diet/health advice, animal welfare and care, grading changes, and legislation.



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Market Roundup:

Beef prices, market given elbow room

THE DAYS OF SURPRISINGLY high pork slaughter and futures may be numbered. Beef price strength is real and it will continue to trade in the current range as long as hog slaughter continues to be light.

Choice YG-3 steer carcasses weighing 700-900 lb. closed at \$109-110 per cwt. Tuesday. Market analysts say beef may go as high as \$112, but most agree that prices are near the top. Currently, packers are staying short bought because of what happened last April 28, when dressed beef prices reached the \$109 mark, a \$4 per cwt. spread developed within weight classes and a week later prices had dropped \$8 per cwt.

Despite the packers' concern, a lack of heavyweight slaughter cattle has allowed cattle feeders to dictate prices. Cash cattle reached \$73 in Texas, Tuesday, about \$1 higher than a week ago. Those prices are likely to continue, analysts said, although there is some belief that heavyweight supplies were tightest last week and more will be ready from now on.

OKLAHOMA CITY STEERS MD. frame #1 340 lb. \$77; 420 lb. \$72; 415-430 lb. \$68.25-68.75; 500-600 lb. \$64.50-68.50; 600-700 lb. \$63.25-68; 700-800 lb. \$62-64; 800-850 lb. \$62.75-63. Heifers md. frame #1 425-550 lb. \$56.25-57.50; 550-600 lb. \$57-59.50; 600-700 lb. \$58-59.50; 700-800 lb. \$57-59. Amarillo steers md. frame #1 300-400 lb. \$74.50-77.50; 400-500 lb. \$68.75-74; 500-600 lb. \$63.60-68; 600-700 lb. \$62-64.50; 700-800 lb. \$62-63.75; 800-900 lb. \$60.75-63.25. Heifers md. frame #1 300-400 lb. \$64.75-67; 400-500 lb. \$67.50-64.50; 500-600 lb. \$65-59.25. Dodge City steers md. frame #1 545-600 lb. \$66.10-68.50; 600-700 lb. \$63.60-65.50; 700-800 lb. \$63.60-64.80; 800-900 lb. \$63.30-64.30. Heifers md. frame #1 400-500 lb. \$67.60-64.50; 500-600 lb. \$65-59.25. Colorado steers md. frame #1 325-400 lb. \$78-86.50; 400-500 lb. \$71.25-78.50; 500-600 lb. \$66.50-74.75; 600-775 lb. \$62-66.25; 800-950 lb. \$61-64.25. Heifers md. frame #1 325-450 lb. \$64-68.50; 475-600 lb. \$69-65; 600-750 lb. \$67.75-61; 700-825 lb. \$68.50-60.50.

WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, southwestern South Dakota steers md. frame #1 400-600 lb. \$69.50-78.50; 600-700 lb. \$63-71; 700-800 lb. \$62.50-65.25; 800-1000 lb. \$62-64.50. Heifers md. frame #1 400-500 lb. \$64-68; 500-600 lb. \$61-65.75; 600-800 lb. \$58-60.50. Montana steers md. frame #1 700-850 lb. \$62-66. Heifers md. frame #1 380-450 lb. \$67-69; 450-500 lb. \$62-64; 500-600 lb. \$61.50-62.50. Heifers md. frame #1 400-450 lb. \$67; 475-500 lb. \$64.50-67. Washington, Oregon, Idaho steers md. frame #1 400-500 lb. \$68.75-75; 500-600 lb. \$70-75; 600-700 lb. \$66-73; 700-900 lb. \$63.75-68.25. Heifers md. frame #1 400-500 lb. \$60.75-66; 500-700 lb. \$60-64.

ARIZONA SLAUGHTER STEERS mixed good and choice 2-3 950-1050 lb. \$68-69; good with end choice 2-3 980-1100 lb. \$68-69; mostly good 2-3 1000-1050 lb. \$67-68.50; Holsteins and cornbelts 1030-1100 lb. \$64-66; 1125-1250 lb. \$63-64. Heifers mixed good and choice 2-3 850-900 lb. \$65-65.50; mostly good 2-3 950-1050 lb. \$65-66; 1025-1225 lb. \$68-70; good and choice 2-4 950-1100 lb. \$67-69.50; 1150-1300 lb. \$65-68; Holsteins \$64.50-65.75. Heifers choice 2-4 950-1025 lb. \$65-67; good and choice 2-3 850-950 lb. \$66-68; commercial to choice 2-4 1050 lb. \$65-66. Southern California slaughter steers good to mostly choice 3-4 1050-1075 lb. \$68-68.50; mixed good and choice 2-4 925-1125 lb. \$67.75-69; Holsteins \$64.50-65.75. Heifers good and mostly choice 2-8 1000-1025 lb. \$67.

COLORADO SLAUGHTER STEERS choice 2-4 1075-1200 lb. \$68-70. Heifers choice 2-4 950-1050 lb. \$68-69.25. Western Kansas slaughter steers choice 2-4 1025-1175 lb. \$69.50-70.50; Holsteins \$62-64. Heifers choice 2-4 900-1000 lb. \$66.50-68; mixed commercial to choice 2-4 1025-1100 lb. \$63-65.50. Eastern Nebraska slaughter steers good to mostly choice 2-4 1025-1250 lb. \$67.50-70.50. Heifers good to mostly choice 2-3 900-1050 lb. \$65-67. Montana slaughter steers good to mostly choice 2-3 1075-1150 lb. \$68.25-68.50. Heifers good to mostly choice 2-3 950-975 lb. \$65-68.50. Heifers good to mostly choice 2-3 950-975 lb. \$65-68.50. New Mexico slaughter steers good and mostly choice 2-3 975-1100 lb. \$68-69.50; Holsteins \$67-67.25; mixed good and choice 2-3 850-900 lb. \$65-68; good and choice 2-3 1000-1100 lb. \$62-64. San Angelo slaughter heifers mixed good and choice 800-900 lb. \$66-67.50; 750-770 lb. \$63-64. Southern San Joaquin, western Nevada slaughter steers choice 2-4 1200 lb. \$66; good and choice 2-3 925-1100 lb. \$67-69; good and choice 2-4 1100-1200 lb. \$65-67. Heifers choice 2-4 950-1050 lb. \$66-67; good and choice 2-3 850-900 lb. \$65; commercial to choice 2-4 1050 lb. \$63-65.

TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA slaughter steers good to mostly choice 2-3 1000-1175 lb. \$68.50-71; Holsteins \$68-67. Heifers good and mostly choice 2-3 850-1050 lb. \$65.50-68; good and choice 2-4 1000-1100 lb. \$61-62. \$60-64.75; good with low choice 2-3 700-750 lb. \$61-62. Utah slaughter steers good to mostly choice 2-3 1050-1225 lb. \$67-69; Holsteins \$68-61.50. Heifers good to mostly choice 2-3 900-1000 lb. \$67. San Angelo slaughter lambs choice and prime 80-105 lb. spring \$68-70.50; choice and prime 100-120 lb. short with old crop \$67-69.50.

CENTRAL AUCTION ROUNDUP

(Reports as quoted by markets)

AMARILLO LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Amarillo, Texas, June 17

11,165 head received: Feeder steers, md. frame 1 400-500 lb. \$58-71; 500-600 lb. \$58-60.50; 600-800 lb. \$62.50-64.25; 800-900 lb. \$61.25-63.50; 900-940 lb. \$61.75-62. Md. and lg. frame 1 2 300-400 lb. \$68-73; 400-500 lb. \$82-87.50; 500-600 lb. \$60-75-64.75; 600-700 lb. \$60-63; 700-800 lb. \$60-62.75; 800-900 lb. \$58-61. Feeder heifers, md. frame 1 200-250 lb. \$72-74; 300-400 lb. \$62.75-65; 400-500 lb. \$59-63.75; 500-600 lb. \$56-59. Md. and lg. frame 1-2 400-500 lb. \$54.50-57.50; 500-600 lb. \$54-55; 600-700 lb. \$53-56; 700-800 lb. \$53-25-55. Slaughter cows, ut. 2-3 \$42.25-45; canner and cutter \$35-40. Slaughter bulls, YG 1-2 1000-1750 lb. \$48-55. Replacements, md. frame 1-2 pairs middleaged \$520-590 per pair; aged \$500 per pair; young heifers \$440-450 per pair; bred heifers 1000 lb. \$430 per head.

McKINLEY-WINTER LIVESTOCK COMM. CO., INC.

Dodge City, Kan., June 11-12

8,200 head received: Feeder steers, md. frame 1 500-600 lb. \$64.25-65; 600-700 lb. \$63-64.50; 700-800 lb. \$61-64.40; 800-900 lb. \$63-64.20. Feeder heifers, md. frame 1 375 lb. \$51, 420-430 lb. \$57-50.57; 500-600 lb. \$58-10.59.60; 600-700 lb. \$59-59.70; 725 lb. \$59.50. Md. frame 1-2 200-300 lb. \$56-40-57.70. Feeder heifers, md. frame 1 350-57.25; 600-700 lb. \$56-50.57; 700-800 lb. \$56-60-57.75. Slaughter cows, ut. 1-3 \$42-48.50, cutter \$39-44.80; low dressing \$34.10-38.75; canner \$34-50. Slaughter bulls, YG 1-2 1000-2200 lb. \$50-50.75; low yielding individuals \$51.50.

TEXHOMA LIVESTOCK COMM. CO., INC.

Texhoma, Okla., June 12

5,167 head received: Feeder steers, choice 300 lb. \$73.10-80.50; 400 lb. \$70.75-74.50; 543 lb. \$66.30; 600 lb. \$63.40-64.50; 648 lb. \$62.20-64.10; 815 lb. \$62.80. Feeder heifers, choice 300 lb. \$61-83.25; 400 lb.

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CLOVIS LIVESTOCK MARKET, INC.

Clovis, N.M., June 10

TORRINGTON LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO.

Torrington, Wyo., June 12

4,850 head received: Feeder steers, 300-400 lb. \$72-78; 400-500 lb. \$68-75; 500-600 lb. \$65-70; 600-700 lb. \$63-68. Feeder heifers, 300-400 lb. \$62-67; 400-500 lb. \$58-65; 500-600 lb. \$56-61; 600-700 lb. \$54-58-61. Slaughter cows, ut. and comm. 2-4 \$39-47. Slaughter bulls, YG 1-2 \$41-44.75; cutter and canner 1-2 \$36.50-41.75. Slaughter bulls, YG 1-2 \$36.50-41.75. Replacements, pairs md. frame 1-2 middleaged with small calves \$400-450. Md. frame 1-2 middleaged with large calves \$450-540.

EMPORIA LIVESTOCK SALES CO., INC.

Emporia, Kan., June 12

1,685 head received: Feeder steers, choice 250-500 lb. \$65-68; good \$63-65; common \$61-64. Good and choice 500-650 lb. \$64-68; common \$60-61; 650-850 lb. \$64-68; common \$58-58.50; 850-1000 lb. \$55-64; common \$55-55. Feeder heifers, choice 250-450 lb. \$59-60; good \$55-57; common \$53-55. Good and choice 450-650 lb. \$59-60; common \$55-57; 650-800 lb. \$58-59; common \$54-55. Slaughter cows, ut. 2-3 \$43-50. Slaughter bulls, YG 1-2 \$43-50. Replacements, pairs \$500-575.

EL PASO LIVESTOCK AUCTION CO., INC.

El Paso, Texas, June 9

1,235 head received: Feeder steers, choice yearling 450-800 lb. \$59-65; good to md. \$55-62.50. Calves, choice 250-400 lb. \$65-85; crossbred \$65-80. Feeder heifers, choice yearling 450-800 lb. \$55-60; good to md. \$50-55. Calves 250-400 lb. \$55-65; crossbred \$52.50-60. Slaughter cows, ut. and comm. \$43-52.50; standard heifers \$45-61.50; canner and cutter \$35-45. Slaughter bulls, ut. and comm. \$52.50-57.50. Replacements, stocker bulls \$52-60; stocker cows \$39-50; pairs \$450-700.

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Report predicts stable prices

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George Schimkat, an analyst with Victoria Commodities, Inc., agreed that no price movement would result from the report, and predicted Texas steer prices would edge up to \$72 in the near term.

The fact that placements showed significantly from April, when they were up

be positive for cattle prices in October, Schimkat said. By that time, the bulk of cattle placed in April should be marketed.

However, Hummel said, the cattle placed in May were heavier than those in April and thus could be marketed in about three months, instead of four to five months as normal. That

May ready for market in September, right on the heels of the heavy April placements.

In the meantime, the analysts said, cattle feeders must continue to market cattle at lighter weights to minimize pressure expected to result in August when the April-placed cattle are

Study shows alfalfa disease within seeds

pathologist with Washington State University, Prosser, has found that verticillium will can exist inside the alfalfa seed coat. This means that no amount of seed cleaning can prevent

spread. Christensen's study was funded under the cooperative agreement between WSU and USDA's Science and Education Administration.

Verticillium wilt is a major production hazard for alfalfa growers throughout the Northwest and was reported in Wisconsin in 1980. It is estimated that

Microscopic test results: Examination of the interior of the seed coat by scanning electron-microscopy revealed that the fungus is contained within the seed.

"This is not simply a greenhouse phenomenon," she says, "it occurs in the field too."

Christen says that all alfalfa seed from a verticillium-infected seedling

is big beef buyer

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Nader also said that despite an expected lack of consumer activity during the Reagan administration, consumers are still very diet and health conscious. People are concerned about how they look and feel and

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